

Hindenburg Takes Another Town; 400,000 in Sweep to Riga

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SUBMARINE LYING IN WAIT FOR BALTIC SUNK BY FASTEST BRITISH CRUISER

RUSSIAN MAIN LINE IS CUT; ANOTHER CITY IS CAPTURED AS GERMANS DRIVE ON RIGA

Vidzy Falls as Railway Between Vilna and Dvinsk Is Penetrated.

400,000 MEN ARE MASSED.

Von Hindenburg Throws Great Force Toward Important Seaport.

BERLIN (via London), Sept. 17.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces, which have flanked Vilna and Dvinsk, cutting the railroad between those cities, have made a further advance to the east. The War Office announced to-day the capture of Vidzy, about thirty-five miles south of Dvinsk.

The official statement says: "Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg: South of Dvinsk we reached the Komal highroad. Vidzy was captured early this morning after fierce fighting from house to house.

"Northwest and northeast of Vilna our attack continued. The Szczara has been crossed near the place bearing the same name.

"The troops of the army of Prince Leopold also have effected crossings over the Szczara at several points.

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: The marsh districts north of Pinsk have been cleared of the enemy."

PETROGRAD, Sept. 17.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg is now hurrying 400,000 men, supported by a great array of artillery, against the Russian lines in the north in a determined attempt to capture Vilna, Dvinsk and then Riga.

The War Office in an official statement to-day admitted that the Czar's troops have been compelled to give ground slightly before these fresh assaults. It was also admitted that the Russians are falling back in the region of Pinsk, but elsewhere the enemy has been defeated on every sector, the Slavs taking more than 1,100 prisoners in Wednesday's engagements.

Southwest of Dvinsk the Germans have approached the Russian wire defenses between the Dvinsk road and Lake Saman. Gen. von Bulow's cavalry is nearing the Molodetchnopolotsk railway. Northwest of Vilna the enemy has thrown a force across to the left bank of the Vilja, after bloody fighting.

Southeast of Orany enemy forces attempting to advance toward the Vilna-Rovno railway at Lida have been halted.

In the Derazno Region and in some parts of Galicia, the Austro-Germans have attempted to strengthen their positions by weak attacks, all of which have been repulsed. During one of these engagements, west of the village of Pnyska, the Czar's troops captured 410 men and four Maxim's. In another fierce combat in which the Russians captured a cemetery and alcohol works near Derazno, 700 German prisoners and four Maxim's were taken. The Slavs repulsed furious enemy counter-attacks.

The Austrians are now stubbornly

AUTO-MAKER FORD HAS A SUBMARINE; 'T'WILL END WARS

Ready for the Government;
Costs Very Little; So Deadly
That It Will Insure Peace.

(Special to The Evening World.)

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 17.—Henry Ford has a plan for new submarines, one-fourth size of those now in use, which he will present to Secretary of the Navy Daniels when he confers with him in Washington next week.

The new submarine, he believes, will prove such a staggering blow to high-cost naval armament that it will completely discourage the promoters of costly dreadnoughts and will eventually be a great power for peace.

"It would be no trick at all to produce a submarine equipped with a gasoline engine for its entire motive power which could sail anywhere under the sea carrying a pill at the end of a pole powerful enough to blow the mightiest battleship ever built into a wreck of junk," said Mr. Ford to-day, "and I am going to tell Secretary Daniels so when I see him in Washington next week.

"The new submarine would be one-fourth the size of the present submarine and would be able to propel itself and guide itself up and down, to the right and to left, by its own power. Electric storage batteries are unnecessary.

"And, best of all, these submarines can be built at such a slight cost that all the incentive for greedy armament makers will be taken away from them. They will cost only a fraction of what the present submarines cost and only a fraction of 1 per cent of the \$15,000,000 dreadnoughts which they will be able to blow to pieces.

"If the public is interested enough, we may arrange to give it a demonstration of this new machine some time in the near future. I believe that education will be the greatest factor in bringing about universal peace, but this new submarine is likely, by the very terror it inspires, to hasten world peace."

PUT BURDEN OF PROOF ON THE U. S. SHIPPER

British Prize Court Wanted Them
to Establish Innocent Destination of Cargoes.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Reporting to the State Department to-day on the British Prize Court decision, declaring \$15,000,000 worth of American packers' products forfeited to the Crown, Consul General Skinner at London sent the following despatch: "Prize Court decision given against American packing houses sustains the order in council. Based largely on refusal of claimants to accept burden of proof and demonstrate innocent destination."

FOUR DAYS GONE, 'TO-MORROW' POLICE MAY GET ROFRANO

Politician Indicted for Murder
Eluded Police Like Slayers
of Mrs. Nichols.

PROSECUTOR ANNOYED.

May Be Breach Because Detectives Shadowing Rofrano Allowed Him to Escape.

It is four days since detectives assigned to trail Mike Rofrano, in anticipation of his indictment of murder in the first degree, lost the elusive Mike in the Municipal Building, and Rofrano is still as far from discovery as are Arthur Waltonen, "Eddie" and "The Wop" who killed Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols in her home in East Seventy-ninth Street eleven days ago and stripped her body of \$17,200 worth of jewelry. There are signs of a controversy between the Police Department and the District Attorney's office over the Rofrano matter and great uneasiness exists in the City Hall.

Joseph Brondini, indicted yesterday for running a jewelry factory at No. 11 Broadway and Thomas Porcare, indicted at the same time for perjury in the trials of Rocco Carnivale and Gaetano Montimagno, were arraigned before Judge Malone in the Court of General Sessions to-day. They have been under \$25,000 bail each since they were arrested Tuesday night.

"I ask the court to increase the bail of each of these men to \$50,000," said District Attorney Perkins. "Powerful interests are behind them and extraordinary conditions which cannot be made public prevail in connection with them. To lower their bail or even to allow it to remain at \$25,000 would imperil the interests of justice."

Assistant District Attorney Murphy received a letter to-day from Mrs. Joseph Minott, the widow of the Tom Foley lieutenant who was killed by the La Salle brothers. She wrote that she is working in a candy factory in Leonard Street, Brooklyn, in which Mrs. Mike Gaimari, widow of the man whose assassination Rofrano is alleged to have purchased, is forewoman.

"If you need us," wrote Mrs. Minott, "just telephone to Mrs. Gaimari and we'll both come over."

Corroboration of the statement of Frank Fenimore, informer against Rofrano, that Rofrano was his hanger when he was in trouble, was furnished to-day by Edward Carpel.

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World Real Estate Advertisements Sell Two Houses and Nine Lots for a New Jersey Advertiser.

REALTY & COMMERCIAL CO.
OFFICE AND SHOWING PROPERTY,
30 CHURCH ST.
New York, Sept. 14, 1918.

Advertising Manager, New York World.
Dear Sir: Am pleased to say that after putting a notice in the World for three times I sold two houses and four lots within one week at \$10,000. I have also sold three times the following week and five lots.
I have always found The World the best advertising medium in New York City. Considering the time, this is indeed a very good result on such a small ad. Very truly yours,
H. HANSEN.
Sales Manager.

Former Mayor's Daughter Who Denies Trouble With Husband



ISHAM AND WIFE BOTH DENY REPORT OF ESTRANGEMENT

He Says He Was Kept in Town
to Entertain His Business
Associates.

"There is positively no truth in the report that my wife and I have separated," said Ralph H. Isham to-day in an interview at the Hotel Plaza. "I have been entertaining a party of business associates from the West during the last three weeks and it has necessitated my being here in the city four or five nights a week. For that reason I took rooms at the Yale Club. It has been inconvenient for Mrs. Isham to stay in town, so she remained at my home in Madison, N. J. Naturally, I have been seen around late at night with these men and undoubtedly that gave rise to the report that we had separated."

Mrs. Isham, who is the fourth daughter of Mayor Gaynor, is at the Plaza with her husband and denies that she gave out any interviews of any kind concerning the reported separation.

When he saw what the papers were saying about them, Mr. Isham prepared the following formal statement to give reporters who sought further information:

"Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Isham, who are staying at the Plaza Hotel, deny absolutely the report of their separation printed in some of this morning's papers and have demanded reparation for the publication of a false report."

"Are you going back to your place in Madison when your business friends leave?" Mr. Isham was asked. "I don't know whether we will go there or go directly to California," was the reply. "I have some interests out there which must be looked after."

"But your wife will go with you, in either case?"

"Surest thing you know," was the reply. "I do not think there was any"

ROCKEFELLER SAYS HE REFUSED LOANS TO NATIONS AT WAR

Turned Down England and
Russia, Declares Interview
Sent From Cleveland.

DENIAL IS MADE HERE.

New York Representative Says
Oil Magnate Wired That
He Made No Statement.

(The United Press this afternoon sent out the following despatch from Cleveland.)

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 17.—John D. Rockefeller Jr. has positively and finally determined that he will take no part in lending money to carry on the conflict in Europe.

"Are you expecting a call from the commission of European bankers now in New York to negotiate a billion-dollar war loan for the Allies?" Mr. Rockefeller was asked.

"No," he replied emphatically. "I certainly am not expecting a visit from the commission, nor do I expect them to ask me for the war loan. They know I would not consider it."

"Then after a pause, 'Both England and Russia have asked me for loans. They refused.'"

Again Rockefeller was silent a moment, then exclaimed fervently: "This war is awful! Don't you think it is awful?"

During the interview, which was granted at the Oil King's Forest Hill estate, Mr. Rockefeller did not mention his son, John D. Jr., who is reported to have been approached by J. P. Morgan in regard to the war loan.

In reference to the Wall Street report that financing the war was enabling Morgan to take from Rockefeller the title of "the richest man in the world," this question was put to Rockefeller:

"What effect will it have on conditions if Morgan negotiates this billion-dollar war loan for the allies?"

"Instead of answering directly he replied: 'A wise old owl lived in an oak. The more he saw the less he spoke; The less he spoke the more he heard. Why can't we all be like that bird?'"

To-day a man very close to Rockefeller stated authoritatively that on one occasion Rockefeller had been approached by Russian agents with a deal involving \$50,000,000 and had turned them down.

Foreign agents who visited Cleveland recently in an attempt to enlist Rockefeller's financial aid in the war have been barred from Forest Hill. Shots from a revolver in the hands of an attendant at the Rockefeller estate halted an automobile in which an agent tried to dash through the guarded entrance to reach the Oil King.

At No. 26 Broadway, the office of Ivy L. Lee, personal representative of Mr. Rockefeller, the following statement was given out late this afternoon:

"We have received a telegram from Mr. Rockefeller in Cleveland saying that he has not made any statement whatsoever on the proposed loan."

**\$500,000,000 IN
CREDITS WILL BE
LENT TO ALLIES.**

American bankers have agreed in principle to lend the British and French governments \$500,000,000 in the

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U-BOAT NEAR BIG LINER SPIED BY SPEEDY CRUISER; SUNK WITH SECOND SHOT

The 48-Knot Llewellyn, Just Placed
in Commission, Made Terrific Dash
When Periscope Appeared and
Fired With True Aim.

NO QUARTER BY BRITISH IN HUNT FOR SUBMARINES.

How the White Star liner Baltic was convoyed into Liverpool on her last eastern trip and saved from a German submarine by England's newest and speediest cruiser was told by one of the Baltic's officers on that ship's arrival this afternoon.

"We were between Holyhead and the mouth of the Mersey on Aug. 30, about noon," he said, "when we noticed a cruiser overhauling us on the starboard quarter and coming like an express train. She passed us about two miles off and we learned afterward that she was the Llewellyn, the fastest craft now afloat, excepting only the racing motorboats."

"She is a four-stacker, burns oil and can make forty-eight knots an hour, so it was no wonder that she far outstripped the two destroyers that were with her. The Llewellyn had just been put into commission."

"Four miles ahead we sighted a periscope and when the Llewellyn got within two miles of it she opened fire. The first shot got the range and the second shot got the submarine. It disappeared and didn't come up again. There is no doubt that it was a German submarine and that it was lying in wait for the Baltic."

"The British are so enraged at the activities of the enemy's submarines that they are seeking them out and sinking them without mercy. The cruisers work in conjunction with the aviators, two aeroplanes to a ship, as a rule."

"The aviator spots the submarine and signals to the cruiser. The submarine usually submerges when it sees that it has been observed and the cruiser comes up and marks the point of submergence with a buoy. Then it patrols the sea within a radius of the submarine's possible under-water progress and is waiting for it when it comes up for observations."

"If the cruiser sinks the submarine no attempt is made to rescue the crew and no quarter is granted in any case. I know of seven German submarines that were trapped in steel nets, and in each case they were not hoisted to the surface until it was certain that no one aboard could be alive."

The Baltic left Liverpool Sept. 8, and several passengers witnessed the Zeppelin raid up the Thames valley toward Gravesend the night before. A. J. Taylor, an English business man, who is here on a private mission to Washington, stated that the extent of the damage wrought in these raids is much greater than the British authorities will allow the public to know of.

"Seventeen people were killed and thirty wounded on the raid of Sept. 7," he said, "and on Sept. 5, at Leyton, six miles from London, an entire street of houses was destroyed close to the Woolwich arsenal. Two weeks before that, at Walthamstow, the windows and doors in a whole block were blown in."

"Though all lights are put out early throughout England, the German Zeppelin pilots cleverly wait until they see a railway train leave a station and then they follow its course on their maps, thus getting their bearings."

"The British anti-aircraft guns seem helpless against these invaders and they can rise higher and faster than the British aeroplanes. Devising a means of defense against such raids is one of England's greatest problems."

**BRITISH TRANSPORT
SUNK BY AUSTRIANS**

Vienna Reports That a Submarine
Torpedoed English Boat
in Adriatic.

VIENNA, Sept. 17 (by wireless to Tuckertown, N. J.).—An Austrian submarine commanded by Lieut. von Trapp torpedoed and sank a British transport a few days ago in the Southern Adriatic, according to an announcement made here to-day.

There have been several reports of the sinking of British transports, the most recent being that of Sept. 9, when a Bremen newspaper was quoted in a despatch from Berlin as announcing that the British steamer Southland, formerly the Red Star Line Vadorland, serving as a transport, had been torpedoed in Turkish waters.

Lieut. von Trapp, in command of the Austrian submarine which figures in to-day's announcement, commanded the Austrian submarine U-5, which sank the French cruiser Leon Gambetta in the Straits of Otranto on April 26 with the loss of 552 lives.

Adriatic Arrives at Liverpool.
LIVERPOOL, Sept. 17.—The White Star liner Adriatic arrived here to-day from New York. She made the run without incident.